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1. [redacted] The 117th had three batteries of 45mm M-1942 AT guns, one battery being assigned to each battalion. The T/O of a gun battery called for two officers, four NCO's and twelve privates who were divided into two gun crews, one to each gun. A crew had one officer as weapons commander, one NCO as crew chief, one NCO as gunner, one private as loader, two privates as ammunition carriers, two privates responsible for placing the

deputy battery CO and weapons officer. There were only three NCO's, two crew chiefs and one gunner, and three privates, one a gunner and the other two, chauffeurs. The 45mm gun was drawn by a 1½-ton Dodge prime mover.

2. [redacted] a heavy machine gun company of the 1st Battalion, 117th Guards Rifle Regiment. This company had three platoons but, to the best of my recollection, there was no headquarters platoon. The T/O called for one officer, three NCO's, and twelve privates who were divided up into three gun crews. Each crew had one NCO as crew chief, one private as gunner, one private as loader, and two privates as ammunition carriers. The crews were supplied with Goryunov M-1943, 7.62mm, heavy machine guns. When we were performing guard duty at the check point in Hoenbach on the demarcation line between the US and the Soviet Zones, the platoon was not up to T/O strength. We actually had only two gun crews, with a strength of one officer, three NCO's and eight privates.

3. [redacted] one Studebaker truck, one ZIS truck, two sedans, a Mercedes Benz and a Super [sic], and two Willys jeeps. I believe that the motorized equipment was adequate to transport the entire regiment.

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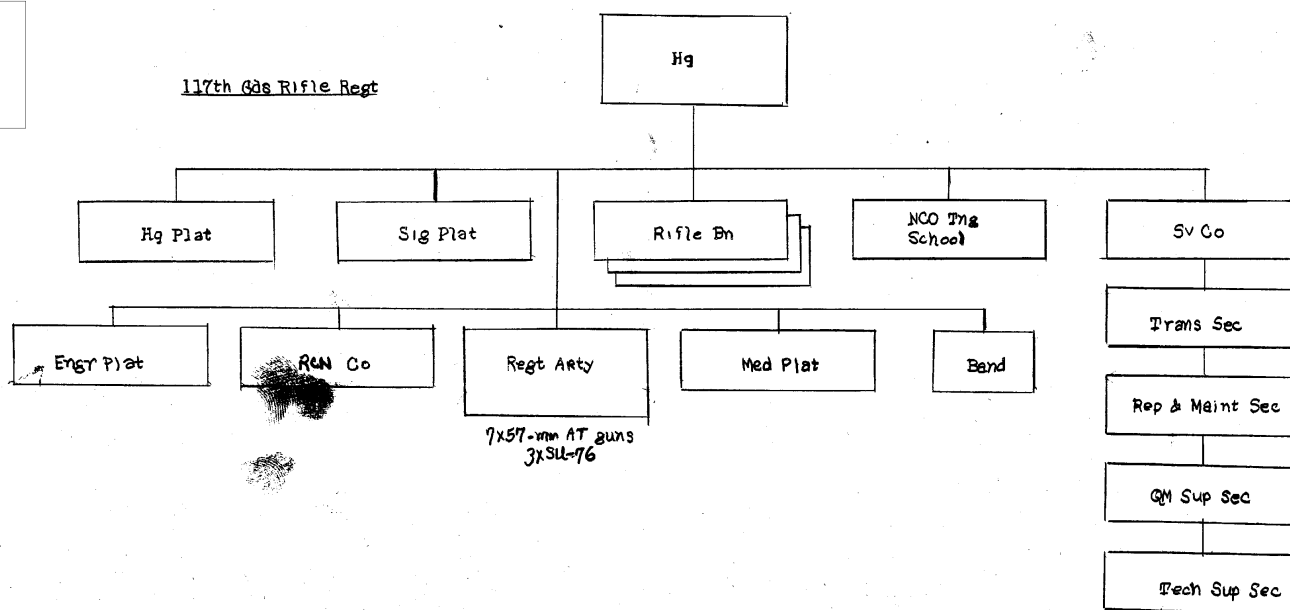
ENCLOSURE (A): Table of Organization of the 117th Guards Rifle Regiment.

(B): Table of Organization of the Rifle Battalion of the 117th Guards Rifle Regiment.

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